

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2005, claims 1, 9 and 17-24 have been amended. Claims 1-24 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and were not required for patentability or to distinguish the claims over the prior art.

III. Claim Objections

In paragraph (4), the Office Action objected to claims 1, 9 and 17 because of the preamble. Applicants' attorney has amended these claims to overcome the objection.

IV. Claim Rejections

In paragraph (5), the Office Action rejected claims 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants' attorney has amended these claims to overcome the rejection.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

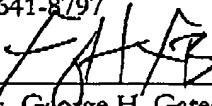
Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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